

POLLS SHOW STRONG SUPPORT FOR STEM CELL RESEARCH

HARRIS POLL:

AMERICANS SUPPORT THE USE OF STEM CELLS TAKEN FROM EXCESS EMBRYOS BY MORE THAN A 6-TO-1 MARGIN. (AUGUST 2004)

A Harris poll taken in August 2004 found that 73 percent of Americans believe stem cell research should be allowed, while only 11 percent oppose it. Support for stem cell research increased markedly since a similar poll, taken in 2001, found that 61 percent supported it while 21 percent opposed it.¹

WALL STREET JOURNAL / NBC NEWS POLL:

MOST AMERICANS FAVOR EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH. (JUNE 2004)

A *Wall Street Journal*/NBC News poll found that 71 percent of Americans are in favor of embryonic stem cell research, compared with only 22 percent who oppose it.

OTHER POLLS:

EVEN VOTERS WHO SUPPORTED BUSH IN THE 2004 ELECTION SAY CURRENT POLICY ON EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH SHOULD BE EXPANDED. (NOVEMBER 2004)

In a national survey of 800 self-identified Bush voters in mid-November 2004, a 55 percent majority agreed that the policy should be broadened, compared with only 38 percent who felt the policy should remain the same.³

OVERALL, AMERICANS FAVOR A CHANGE IN THE CURRENT POLICY ON STEM CELL RESEARCH BY MORE THAN A 3-1 MARGIN. (JUNE 2004)

By a margin of 74 percent to 21 percent, Americans (including 79 percent of moderates and 62 percent of conservatives) said that they back former First Lady Nancy Reagan's call for more stem cell research flexibility.⁴

MORE THAN TWO THIRDS OF AMERICANS SUPPORT THE USE OF NUCLEAR TRANSFER TO PRODUCE HUMAN STEM CELLS FOR RESEARCH AND THERAPIES. (MARCH 2003)

A poll commissioned for the Coalition for the Advancement of Medical Research (CAMR) showed that 67 percent of Americans support therapeutic cloning research to produce stem cells for treating life-threatening diseases and conditions, and want the government to allow it to proceed. The poll surveyed 1,012 adult Americans on March 6, 2003, and was conducted by Opinion Research Corporation International.⁵

¹ <http://www.harrisinteractive.com>

² *Wall Street Journal*/NBC News Poll, June 2004

³ <http://www.jdrf.org>

⁴ Survey conducted by Opinion Research Corporation (ORC) on behalf of the Results for America (RFA) project of the nonprofit and nonpartisan Civil Society Institute <http://www.resultsforamerica.org>